

Mc Mahon House ("Creole House")

456 St. Francis St.

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(FRENCH CREOLE HOUSE)  
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Ownership:

Present Owner: J. J. McMahon.

Previous Owners: M. D. Eslava.

Date of Erection: Approx. 1834.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: M. D. Eslava.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two and one half.

Materials of Construction: Wood and masonry; first story high brick basement; front porch on second story; pitched roof; exterior walls wood on second or main story and up, frame wood; has two dormer windows on front; important architectural details.

Other Existing Records:

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Advertisement of the First National Bank of  
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Additional Data: "This quaint structure at 456 St. Francis St. (spoken of as a "creole house" by Peter J. Hamilton in his volume "Mobile of the Five Flags") is one of the few remaining dwellings of those built by M. D. Eslava, son of Miguel Eslava, Spanish guarda almacén general and ministro principal de la hacienda real" (commissary and treasurer" when the Spanish King Carlos IV ruled over Mobile. Eslava purchased the lot after the U. S. Government took over the Spanish possession. Paul Lieatied sold it to him for \$350 on March 7, 1834."

"Shortly after Eslava purchased the lot, he erected on it the dwelling sketched above. The house is now owned by J. J. McMahon, although 100 years old, it is in a good state of preservation."

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